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REFERENCE TO KOROLEV, POPOV AND ICHATENKO (1944)

From: ISTANBUL

To: MOSCOW

No: 138-139

8 Sept. 44

[2-part message complete]

To VIKTOR[1].

[Part I]

The Ambassador

[14 groups unrecovered]

[56 groups unrecoverable]

13th August the [B Ambassador]

[25 groups unrecovered]

KOROLEV[11] Secretary POPOV[111]

[96 groups unrecovered]

the Ambassador was

[16 groups unrecoverable]

[35 groups unrecovered]

[Continued overleaf]

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[Part II]

The probationer [STAZHER] [✓]IGNATENKO[iv] who left by air

[18 groups unrecovered]

. The Ambassador received

[47 groups unrecoverable]

[21 groups unrecovered]

to the account of the Society [OBShchESTVO].

[51 groups unrecoverable]

[At midnight] called in at the club in a drunken condition and causing those present to smile

[48 groups unrecoverable]

[R# No. 161]

VALENTIN[v]

Comments: [i] VIKTOR: Lt.-Gen. P. M. FITIN.

[ii] KOROLEV: Possibly Ivan KOROLEV who was in TURKEY in 1946 and is known to have been a 2nd Secretary at the ISTANBUL Embassy in 1949.

[iii] POPOV: Possibly Mikhail POPOV who was in TURKEY in 1946 and is known to have been a 3rd Secretary at the Embassy in 1949.

[iv] IGNATENKO: ^{possibly Ben ROZENTHALL} Unidentified. First occurrence.

[v] VALENTIN: ^{signature and address} Unidentified ~~occurrence. Also occurs in STAZHER's~~ message No. 123 of 13 July 1944 (3/123/21336), ~~Nov. 1 of 2nd Jan. 1945 (3/123/21349) and~~ ~~STAZHER's message No. 114 of 15th Aug. 1944~~ (3/123/21343).